
Instructions for Using the NC Medicaid Dental Provider List

This list includes dentists that filed claims for at least ten Medicaid recipients from Jul-Sep 2003. The list is sorted by county and then by number of recipients treated in descending order. Names of Medicaid providers located out of state are found at the bottom of the list.

Within a given county, the providers near the top of the list may be more likely to accept new Medicaid patients. You may want to verify which dental providers in your area are accepting referrals by calling their offices directly. You also should consider contacting the public health dental hygienist in your area because they often maintain information regarding dental referrals for Medicaid and Health Choice recipients. You can reach the public health dental hygienist by contacting either your local health department or the NC Oral Health Section at (919) 733-3853.

Definitions for Provider Types

The following providers typically offer comprehensive dental services to Medicaid recipients:

General Dentists – typically provide exams, x-rays, preventive services, fillings, complete and partial dentures and simple extractions to patients of a wide age range.

Pediatric Dentists – typically provide exams, x-rays, preventive services, fillings, and simple extractions for children. Many pediatric dentists also treat children and adults who have special health care needs.

LHD – Local Health Departments

FQHC – Federally Qualified Health Centers (also known as Community Health Centers)

The following providers offer specialized dental services to Medicaid recipients:

Endodontists – perform root canal treatments for children and adults.

Oral Surgeons –perform extractions of teeth and provide other surgical services for children and adults.

Orthodontists – provide braces. To be eligible for orthodontic treatment, Medicaid recipients must be under 21 years of age, and must meet certain Prior Approval (PA) qualifications.

Periodontists – perform services to treat and prevent periodontal (gum) diseases for children and adults.

NOTE: *The information contained in this list is subject to change at any time.*